

## Thomas Cadwalader to Andrew Jackson, June 21, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GENERAL THOMAS CADWALADER TO JACKSON.1

1 Gen. Thomas Cadwalader was an agent of the Bank of the U. S. and served it in important matters. He visited Nashville early in 1827. It was at that time that the Nashville branch was established. There is little doubt that his function was to conciliate Jackson, whose election by this time was pretty well assured. He was a man of fine personal qualities and high social position and he won an influence over Jackson, who was susceptible to the approaches of such a man. But it is not likely that the influence persisted after Jackson became President. In fact, Cadwalader soon drops out of the correspondence, for what reason does not appear. On Jackson's attitude toward the bank before his inauguration, see R. C. H. Catterall, *The Second Bank of the United States*, pp. 182–185.

Philadelphia, June 21, 1828.

*Dear General*, I was yesterday favored with your letter of the 2d Inst.

In my talks with Mr: Nichol, and my other friends in your quarter, I spoke highly in praise of the Country about that neighbourhood, as the place where I would wish to select a residence, if I were to leave Philadelphia. I like your soil climate and people; and the spot which you are so good as to recommend to me would have a peculiar advantage in my eyes, in adjoining the Hermitage. After living, however, man and boy, more than forty years in this flat city of ours, my boys several of them in business about me, with a large body of relations, and some friends, I have no idea of changing my domicil, strong as

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is the attraction you offer me—in fact, tho' country retirement has long been one of my favorite day-dreams, I should not be sure of sleeping soundly, apart from the rattle of carts and carriages, the cries of watchmen, and the other lulling noises of a crowded population.

Before entering into your honorable trammels of the 4th of March, I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you with Mrs. Jackson in Philadelphia. Mrs. Cadwalader desires me to say that no endeavours will be spared to supply to Mrs. J. the places of those warm friends whom she will leave behind her, and, with my kindest remembrances to that excellent Lady,

I remain always most respectfully and truly